

## STOP THE FASCIST ENGLISH DEFENCE LEAGUE MARCHING THROUGH WALTHAMSTOW

- The English Defence League is planning to march in Walthamstow on Saturday 1 September. The EDL is an extremely violent, racist and Nazi group that whips up hatred and intolerance. EDL demonstrations regularly descend into violence, with its supporters attacking Asian and black people, smashing windows of homes and shops, attacking mosques and other places of worship. In 2010, two EDL members were convicted of brutally murdering a young disabled man.
- The EDL march would take place during the Paralympics which celebrates the inspirational achievements of disabled people. To allow the EDL to march in an Olympic borough would be an affront to Paralympians and all disabled people, and undermines the celebration of diversity underpinning the 2012 London Games.
- The EDL had planned to march on 18 August, the same day as Eid, an important Muslim festival. After overwhelming public opposition and the council's call for a ban, the EDL 'postponed' the march. It is good that the EDL backed down. However, they will never be welcome in Waltham Forest. We are a very diverse and vibrant community. We like it that way. We do not want fascists in our community trying to sow division, threaten our residents and local businesses.
- The recent murders of Sikh worshippers in Wisconsin show the horrific consequences of this kind of hatred when left unchecked.
- It is vital, therefore, that we as a community show our defiance against the EDL and celebrate our multi-cultural community. 'We are Waltham Forest' is a broad-based campaign working with all those who oppose the EDL marching in our borough.
- Join us on Saturday 1 September to send a clear message: Waltham Forest says 'No' to the EDL.
- Please get involved in this campaign. Together we can stop the EDL.
- Join our e-mail list so we can keep you updated at: [waltuaf@gmail.com](mailto:waltuaf@gmail.com)

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Online at: <http://wearewalthamforest.wordpress.com/>

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WE ARE WALTHAM FOREST

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ENGLISH DEFENCE LEAGUE FROM  
MARCHING IN WALTHAM FOREST  
ON SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

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GATHER WALTHAMSTOW  
TOWN CENTRE  
FROM 11am



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